Augmentation of the Resources of States

2688. SHRI V.R DURAISAMY

SHRI C.P THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to reduce States' share in Central taxes from 29 per cent;

(b) if so, whether it would affect States in their developmental works; and

(c) what steps Government would take to augment the resources of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) States' share in Central taxes is determined on the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The Eleventh Finance Commission has submitted its Interim Report on 15th Jaunary, 2000. The Interim Report alongwith Explanatory Memorandum as to the action taken on the recommendations made by the Eleventh Finance Commission in its Interim Report was laid on the table of the House on 16th March, 2000. Final report is due by 30th June, 2000. The alternative Scheme of Devolution recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission has been accepted by the Government, with some modifications, and the necessary enabling Constitutional (Eighty-Ninth) Amendment Bill 2000 has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 9th March, 2000. The Government will take decisions in this regard based on the above.

Shifting of SBI Branch from Nathnagar to Bajoria Gati

2689. SHRI CO. POULOSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether he has received a representation from the account holders of State Bank of India, Bhagalpur, Bihar for stopping the porposed shifting of the Nathnagar Branch to Bajoria Gati ?

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to stop the proposed shift ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) Yes, Sir.